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SUBJECT: CALL ON IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE BY
FRG REDIES.

1. JUNE 16, REDIES, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF UNITED
NATIONS AFFAIRS, BONN FONOFF, AND MR. WINTER, OF FRG
EMBASSY, CALLED ON IO ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE TO
DISCUSS GENERAL ISSUES AT UN. ONE HOUR MEETING WAS CORDIAL

2. UNESCO: REDIES REFERRED TO PROGRAM FOR MEDITERRANEAN
CONFERENCE WITHOUT EXCLUDING ISRAEL AND US POSITION RE
UNESCO. HE SAID THERE WAS NO GREAT DIFFICULTY IN FRG
PARLIAMENT ON UNESCO. BLAKE REPLIED THAT GIVEN ESPECIALLY
STRONG CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US TO SHOW
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IT CARES ABOUT UNESCO AND WE NEED CO-SUPPORT FROM OUR

GERMAN FRIENDS IN BRINGING ABOUT REVERSAL GC'S ANTI-ISRAELI MEASURES. REDIES FELT THAT THERE WAS "NO HOPE" FOR MIDDLE EAST IN UNESCO AND SEEMED TO INDICATE WE SHOULD DROP OUR EFFORTS. BLAKE REPLIED THAT US CONSIDERED THIS AN AREA IN WHICH SOMETHING MUST BE DONE IF UN SYSTEM TO KEEP ITS CREDIBILITY. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT LIMA MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED, BLAKE FELT THAT CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT WAS SO FIRM THAT IT ALMOST CERTAIN CONGRESS WOULD NO LONGER CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO UN IF ISRAEL'S EXPULSION WAS PERMITTED. REDIES FELT IT POSSIBLE TO STALL THE ARABS ONLY IF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WERE TO BE ACHIEVED BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REVIEW OF THE MATTER. IF THERE WERE NO SUCH PROGRESS, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO HOLD OFF THE ARABS AND THAT ARABS AND AFRICANS PROBABLY WOULDN'T BELIEVE ANY US THREATS OF CUT-OFF OF FUNDS. IN ADDITION, REDIES EMPHASIZED FRG POLICY OF SEEKING AN EC-9 POSITION AND MAINTAINING UNITED POSITION, AGAIN HINTING ARAB PRESSURES COULD DRIVE FRG AND EC-9 TO GO ALONG WITH ISRAELI-UN SUSPENSION.

3. ON AFRICAN ISSUES BLAKE EXPLAINED TO REDIES THAT WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT USUAL RESOLUTIONS BUT THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH OPPORTUNITY OR DESIRE FOR A MAJOR UN ROLE. ANOTHER SC SESSION ON NAMIBIA DURING ASSEMBLY ALSO SEEMS PROBABLE. BLAKE SAID WEST WOULD HAVE TO SEE WHAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL DO WITH NAMIBIA (AND APARTHEID) BEFORE WE CAN SAY WHAT THE US WILL DO. THE SC MAY FEEL IT HAS ITS HANDS FULL WITH RHODESIA.

4. COMMENT: REDIES APPEARED TO TAKE A MUCH MORE HESITANT POSITION RE BOTH UNESCO AND ISRAELI TOPICS THAN OTHER GERMAN OFFICIALS WITH WHICH WE'VE RECENTLY TALKED. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EMBASSY BONN'S ESTIMATE IF IN FACT A CHANGE UNDERWAY IN GERMAN POLICY. KISSINGER

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